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SENATE CHAMBER, }
CITY OF AUSTIN, Feb. 16, 1846. }

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency, Anson Jones, President of the Republic of Texas, the Senate of the State of Texas this day convened.

On motion of Mr. Parker, Senator from Nacogdoches, Mr. Grimes, Senator from Montgomery, was called to the Chair; Stephen Z. Hoyle was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, and Thomas Ward Sergeant at Arms *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate proceeded to the election of a President *pro tem.*

Mr. Parker nominated Hon. Edw'd Burleson, Senator from Bastrop; there being no other nomination, the Hon. Edward Burleson was declared unanimously elected President *pro tem.*, of the Senate. Thereupon, the President *pro tem.*, arose and addressed the Senate, returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

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The roll of Senators being called by Districts, the following members appeared and took their seats.

From the District of Fannin

and Lamar, - - - - Wm. M. Williams.

From the District of Red River

and Bowie, - - - - B. C. Bagby.

Floating Senator from the District of }
Fannin, Red River, Lamar and Bowie, } James Bourland.

From the District of Harrison Wm. T. Scott.

" " " " Nacodoches, } Isaac Parker,
Rusk and Houston, } Jos. L. Hogg.

From the District of San Augustine,

and Shelby, - - - - B. Rush Wallace.

From the District of Sabine

and Jasper. - - - - J. J. Robinson.

From the District of Liberty

and Jefferson, - - - - Geo. T. Wood.

From the District of Robertson

and Brazos, - - - - Henry J. Jewett.

From the District of Montgomery, Jesse Grimes.

" " " " Galveston, Thos. F. McKinney.

" " " " Brazoria

and Matagorda, - - - - John G. McNeel.

From the District of Austin

and Fort Bend, - - - - Philip M. Cuney.

From the District of Bastrop

and Travis, - - - - Edward Burleson.

From the District of Victoria, Gon-

zales and Jackson, - - - - A. H. Phillips.

From the District of Bexar, Jose Antonio Navarro.

" " " " Goliad, Refu-

gio and San Patricio, - - - - H. L. Kinney

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the Senators came forward and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Wood, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Secretary. Messrs. Grimes, Parker, and Cuney were appointed tellers.

Mr. Wallace nominated H. P. Bee.

Mr. Wood " Stephen Z. Hoyle.

The vote being taken, Mr. Bee received nine votes, and Mr. Hoyle nine votes.

There being a tie, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot. Whereupon, Mr. Bee received eleven votes, and Mr. Hoyle

seven votes. Mr. Bee having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Wood, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Sergeant at Arms.

Mr. Cuney nominated Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Parker " Mr. Thos. Ward.

Mr. Wood " Mr. J. H. Neeley.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, Mr. John F. Miller, Senator from the District of Fayette and Colorado, presented his credentials, took the oath, and his seat.

The vote being taken for a Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Truitt received nine votes, Mr. Neeley five votes, and Mr. Ward five votes. No candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot: Whereupon, Mr. Truitt received eight votes, and Mr. Ward six votes, and Mr. Neeley five votes. No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a third ballot. Whereupon, Mr. Truitt received eight votes, Mr. Neeley six votes, and Mr. Ward five votes. No candidate receiving a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a fourth ballot: Whereupon, Mr. Truitt received nine votes, Mr. Neeley six votes, and Mr. Ward three votes. No candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a fifth ballot, Mr. Ward having withdrawn: Whereupon Mr. Truitt received nine votes, and Mr. Neeley ten votes. Mr. Neeley, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the Senate then proceeded to the election of a Doorkeeper.

Mr. McKinney nominated Mr. W. R. Cannon.

Mr. Scott " Mr. Francis Hughes.

Mr. Jewett " Mr. G. B. McCluskey.

The vote being taken, Mr. Cannon received three votes, Mr. Hughes thirteen votes, and Mr. McCluskey three votes. Mr. Hughes having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate proceeded to the election of an Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Wood nominated Mr. B. F. Johnson.

Mr. Kinney " Mr. A. W. Luckett.

The vote being taken, Mr. Johnson received six votes, and Mr. Luckett received thirteen votes.

Mr. Luckett, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

Mr. Wood moved to proceed to the election of an Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. Parker moved to amend, by inserting Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk: Carried.

Mr. Robinson, by request, nominated Mr. Jas. P. Wallace.

Mr. McKinney nominated Mr. N. C. Raymond.

Mr. Wood " Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Scott " Mr. H. W. Raglin.

The vote being taken, Mr. Wallace received two votes, Mr. Raglin six votes, Mr. Raymond nine votes, and Mr. Edwards two votes. No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot.—Whereupon, Mr. Wallace received two votes, Mr. Raglin five votes, Mr. Raymond eleven votes, and Mr. Edwards one vote. Mr. Raymond having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

The officers elect, came forward and took the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment: roll called and a quorum present.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the usual facilities within the bar of the Senate, be extended to Mr. Joel Miner of the "New Era" office, for the purpose of Reporting its proceedings: Adopted.

Mr. Jewett offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the rules of the Senate at the ninth Congress of Texas, so far as applicable, be adopted until new rules may be prepared—Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, Mr. Williamson, Senator from Milam and Washington, presented his credentials, took the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and his seat.

Mr. Parker moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a Chaplain. Mr. Williamson moved to lay the motion on the table until to-morrow at ten o'clock—Carried

On motion of Mr. Wood, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock A. M.